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The snow white damask ensigns are display'd,
And glittering falcons on the *sideboard* laid.
The shining *sideboard*, and the burnish'd plate,
Let other ministers, great Anne, require.
Scipio Africanus brought from Carthage to Rome, in silver
vessels, to the value of 11956*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* a quantity ex-
ceeded afterwards by the *sideboards* of many private tables.
Arbutnot.
SIDERON. *n. f.* [*side* and *box*.] Seat for the ladies on the side
of the theatre.
Why round our coaches crowd the white-glov'd beauts?
Why bows the *sidebox* from its inmost rows? *Pope.*
SIDELY. *n. f.* An insect.
From a rough whitish maggot, in the intestine rectum of
horses, the *sidefly* proceeds. *Derham's Physico-Theology.*
To SIDLE. *v. n.* [*from side*.] To go with the body the nar-
rowest way.
The chaffering with dissenters is but like opening a few
wickets, and leaving them no more than one can get in at a
time, and that not without stooping and *sidling*, and queezing
his body. *Swift.*
I passed very gently and *sidling* through the two principal
streets. *Gulliver's Travels.*
A fellow nailed up maps in a gentleman's closet, some
sidling, and others upside down, the better to adjust them to
the pannels. *Swift.*
SIDELONG. *adj.* [*side* and *long*.] Lateral; oblique; not in
front; not direct.
She darted from her eyes a *sidelong* glance,
Just as the spoke, and, like her words, it flew;
Seem'd not to beg what she then bid me do. *Dryden.*
The deadly wound is in thy soul:
When thou a tempting harlot do'st behold,
And when the casts on thee a *sidelong* glance,
Then try thy heart, and tell me if it dance? *Dryden.*
The reason of the planets motions in curve lines is the
attraction of the sun, and an oblique or *sidelong* impulse. *Locke.*
The kiss snatch'd hasty from the *sidelong* maid. *Thomson.*
SIDELONG. *adv.*
1. Laterally; obliquely; not in pursuit; not in opposition.
As if on earth
Winds under ground, or waters, forcing way,
Sidelong had push'd a mountain from his seat,
Half sunk with all his pines. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
As a lion, bounding in his way,
With force augmented bears against his prey,
Sidelong to seize. *Dryden's Cæsar and Alcibiades.*
2. On the side.
If it prove too wet, lay your pots *sidelong*; but shade those
which blow from the afternoon sun. *Evelyn's Kalendar.*
SIDER. *n. f.* See CIDER.
SIDERAL. *adj.* [*from sidus*, Latin.] Starry; astral.
These changes in the heav'ns, though slow, produc'd
Like change on sea, and land; *sidereal* blast,
Vapour and mist, and exhalation hot,
Corrupt and pestilent! *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
The musk gives
Sure hopes of racy wine, and in its youth,
Its tender nonage, loads the spreading boughs
With large and juicy offspring, that defies
The vernal nippings and cold *sidereal* blasts. *Philips.*
SIDERATED. *adj.* [*from sideratus*, Latin.] Blasted; planet
struck.
Parts cauterized, gangrenated, *siderated*, and mortified,
become black; the radical moisture, or vital sulphur, suffer-
ing an extinction. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
SIDERATION. *n. f.* [*sideration*, French; *sideratio*, Latin.]
A sudden mortification, or, as the common people call it,
a blast; or a sudden deprivation of sense, as in an apo-
plexy.
The contagious vapour of the very eggs produce a morti-
fication or *sideration* in the parts of plants on which they are
laid. *Ray on the Creation.*
SIDESADDLE. *n. f.* [*side* and *saddle*.] A woman's seat on
horseback.
SIDESMAN. *n. f.* [*side* and *man*.] An assistant to the church-
warden.
A gift of such goods, made by them with the consent of
the *sidesmen* or vestry, is void. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*
SIDEWAYS. } *adv.* [*from side* and *way*, or *wise*.] Laterally;
SIDEWISE. } on one side.
The fair blossom hangs the head
Sideways, as on a dying bed;
And those pearls of dew the wears,
Prove to be prefiging tears. *Milton.*
If in the third experiment the image of the sun should be
drawn out into an oblong form, either by a dilatation of every
ray, or by any other casual inequality of the refractions, the
same oblong image would, by a second refraction made *side-*
ways, be drawn out as much in breadth by the like dilatation
of the rays, or other casual inequality of the refraction *side-*
ways. *Newton's Optics.*

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Stace. *n. f.* [*siege*, French.]
1. The act of besieging a fortified place; a league.
Our cattle's strength
Will laugh a *siege* to scorn: here let them lie,
Till famine eat them up. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
It seem'd, by the manner of their proceeding, that the
Turks purposed rather by long *siege* than by assault to take
the town. *Knut's History of the Turks.*
The more I see pleasures about me, so much more I feel
Torment within me, as from the hateful *siege*
Of contraries. *Milton's Paradise Lost*, b. ix.
2. Any continued endeavour to gain possession.
Beat away the busy meddling fiend,
That lays strong *siege* unto this wretch's soul,
And from his bosom purge this black despair. *Shakespeare's H.V.*
Give me so much of your time, in exchange of it, as to
lay an amiable *siege* to the honesty of Ford's wife. *Shakespeare.*
Love flood the *siege*, and would not yield his breast. *Dryden.*
3. [*Siege*, French.] Seat; throne. Obsolete.
Drawing to him the eyes of all around,
From lofty *siege* began these words aloud to found. *Fa. Qu.*
4. Place; class; rank. Obsolete.
I fetch my life and being
From men of royal *siege*. *Shakespeare's Othello.*
Your sum of parts
Did not together pluck such envy from him,
As did that one, and that in my regard
Of the unworthiest *siege*. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*
5. [*Siege*, French.] Stool.
It entereth not the veins, but taketh leave of the permeant
parts, as the mouths of the mehericks, and accompanieth the
inconvertible portion unto the *siege*. *Brown's Vulg. Errata.*
TO SIEGE. *v. a.* [*sieger*, Fr. from the noun.] To besiege. A
word not now in use.
Him he had long oppress'd with tort,
And fast imprison'd in *sieged* fort. *Fairy Queen.*
SIEVE. *n. f.* [*from sift*.] Hair or lawn strain'd upon a hoop,
by which flower is separated from bran, or fine powder from
coarse; a boulder; a searce.
Thy counsel
Falls now into my ears as profitless
As water in a *sieve*. *Shakespeare's As You Like It.*
In a *sieve* I'll thither sail,
And like a rat without a tail,
I'll do—I'll do—I'll do. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
An innocent found a *sieve*, and presently fell to stopping
the holes. *L'Estrange.*
If life sunk through you like a leaky *sieve*,
Accuse yourself you liv'd not while you might. *Dryden.*
TO SIF. *v. a.* [*sifcan*, Saxon; *siften*, Dutch.]
1. To separate by a *sieve*.
In the *sifting* of such favour all that came out could not be
expected to be pure meal, but must have a mixture of padar
and bran. *Wotton.*
2. To separate; to part.
When yellow sands are *sifted* from below,
The glittering billows give a golden show. *Dryden.*
3. To examine; to try.
We have *sifted* your objections against those pre-eminences
royal. *Hooker's Preface.*
All which the wit of Calvin could from thence draw, by
sifting the very utmost sentence and syllable, is no more than
that certain speeches seem to intimate, that all Christian
churches ought to have their elderships. *Hooker.*
I fear me, if thy thoughts were *sifted*,
The king thy sovereign is not quite exempt
From envious malice of thy swelling heart. *Shakespeare's Hamlet*, VI.
As near as I could *sift* him on that argument. *Shakespeare.*
Opportunity I here have had
To try thee, *sift* thee, and confels have found thee
Proof against all temptation as a rock
Of adamant. *Milton's Paradise Regain'd.*
One would think, that every member who embraces with
vehemence the principles of either of these parties, had
thoroughly *sifted* and examined them, and was secretly con-
vinced of their preference to those he rejects. *Addison.*
SIFTER. *n. f.* [*from sift*.] He who sifts.
SIG was used by the Saxons for victory: *Sigbert*, famous for
victory; *Sigward*, victorious preserver; *Sigard*, conquering
temper: and almost in the same sense are *Nicoles*, *Nicomys-*
chus, *Nicander*, *Victor*, *Victorinus*, *Vincencius*, &c. *Gloss.*
TO SIGN. *v. n.* [*sign*, piecetan, Saxon; *signen*, Dutch.]
To emit the breath audibly, as in grief.
I lov'd the maid I married; never man
Sigh'd truer breath. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*
I'll not be made a soft and dull-eyed fool,
To shake the head, relent, and *sigh*, and yield
To Christian intercessors. *Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.*
He *sigh'd* deeply in his spirit, and faith, why doth this ge-
neration seek after a sign? *Mar. viii. 12.*
For the oppression of the poor, for the *sighing* of the needy
will I arise. *Ps. xii. 5.*
Happier he,
Who seeks not pleasure through necessity,
Than such as once on slippery thrones were plac'd,
And chafing, *sigh* to think themselves are chas'd. *Dryden.*
The nymph too longs to be alone;
Leaves all the swains, and *sighs* for one. *Prior.*
Thus *sigh'd* he away the melancholy night. *Arb. and Pope.*
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SIGN. *n. f.* [*from the verb*.] A violent and audible emission of
the breath which has been long retained, as in sadness.
Full often has my heart swollen with keeping my *signs* im-
prisoned; full often have the tears I drove back from mine
eyes, turned back to drown my heart. *Sidney.*
Love is a smoke rais'd with the fume of *signs*;
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What a *sign* is there! The heart is forely charg'd.
Laughing, if loud, ends in a deep *sign*; and all pleasures
have a sting in the tail, though they carry beauty on the
face. *Taylor.*
In Venus' temple, on the sides were seen
Issuing *signs*, that smok'd along the wall. *Dryden.*
SIGHT. *n. f.* [*geride*, Saxon; *sicht*, *gesicht*, Dutch.]
1. Perception by the eye; the sense of seeing.
If bees go forth right to a place, they must needs have
sight. *Bacon.*
O loss of *sight*, of thee I most complain!
Blind among enemies, O worse than chains,
Dungeon or beggary, decrepit age!
Things invisible to mortal *sight*. *Milton's Agonistes.*
'Tis still the same, although their airy shape
All but a quick poetick *sight* escape. *Denham.*
My eyes are somewhat dimly grown;
For nature, always in the right,
To your decays adapts my *sight*. *Swift.*
2. Open view; a situation in which nothing obstructs the eye.
Undaunted Hotspur
Brings on his army, eager unto *sight*,
And plac'd the same before the king in *sight*. *Daniel.*
Æneas cast his wond'ring eyes around,
And all the Tyrrhene army had in *sight*,
Stretch'd on the spacious plain from left to right. *Dryden.*
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3. Act of seeing or beholding.
Nine things to *sight* required are;
The pow'r to see, the light, the visible thing,
Being not too small, too thin, too high, too far,
Clear space and time, the form distinct to bring. *Davies.*
Mine eye purf'd him still, but under shade
Lost *sight* of him. *Milton's Paradise Lost*, b. iv.
What form of death could him affright,
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Could view the furies mounting sleep,
And monsters rolling in the deep! *Dryden's Horace.*
Having little knowledge of the circumstances of those St.
Paul writ to, it is not strange that many things lie concealed
to us, which they who were concerned in the letter under-
stood at first *sight*. *Locke.*
4. Notice; knowledge.
It was writ as a private letter to a person of piety, upon
an assurance that it should never come to any one's *sight* but
her own. *Wake.*
5. Eye; instrument of seeing.
From the depth of hell they lift their *sights*,
And at a distance see superior light. *Dryden.*
6. Aperture pervious to the eye, or other point fixed to guide
the eye: as, the *sights* of a quadrant.
Their armed staves in charge, their heavers down,
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Not proud Olympus yields a nobler *sight*,
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SIGHTED. *adj.* [*from sight*.] Seeing in a particular manner.
It is used only in composition, as *quick-sighted*, *short-sighted*.
As they might, to avoid the weather, pull the joints of the
coach up close, so they might put each end down, and remain
as discovered and open *sighted* as on horseback. *Sidney.*
The king was very quick *sighted* in discerning difficulties,
and raising objections, and very slow in mastering them. *Clarendon.*
SIGHTFULNESS. *n. f.* [*from sight* and *full*.] Perspicuity; clear-
ness of sight. Not in use.
But still, although we fail of perfect rightfulness,
Seek we to tame these childish superfluities;
Let us not wink, though void of purest *sightfulness*. *Sidney.*
SIGHTLESS. *adj.* [*from sight*.]
1. Wanting sight; blind.
The latent tracts, the giddy heights explore,
Of all who blindly creep, or *sightless* soar. *Pope.*
2. Not sightly; offensive to the eye; unpleasing to look at.
Full of unpleasing blots and *sightless* stains,
Patch'd with foul moles, and eye-offending marks. *Shakespeare's As You Like It.*
SIGHTLY. *adj.* [*from sight*.] Pleasing to the eye; striking to
the view.
It lies as *sightly* on the back of him,
As great Alcides shews upon an ass. *Shakespeare's K. John.*
Their having two eyes and two ears so placed, is more
sightly and useful. *Moré's Antidote against Atheism.*
A great many brave *sightly* horses were brought out, and only
one plain nag that made sport. *L'Estrange.*
We have thirty members, the most *sightly* of all her majesty's
subjects: we elected a president by his height. *Addison.*
SIGN. *n. f.* [*signum*, Latin.] Seal.
Sorceries to raise th' infernal pow'rs,
And *signs* fram'd in planetary hours. *Dryden's Knight's Tale.*
SIGN. *n. f.* [*signe*, French; *signum*, Latin.]
1. A token of any thing; that by which any thing is shown.
Signs must resemble the things they signify. *Hooker.*
Signs for communication may be contrived from any variety
of objects of one kind appertaining to either sense. *Holder.*
To express the passions which are seated in the heart by
outward *signs*, is one great precept of the painters, and very
difficult to perform. *Dryden's Dunciad.*
When any one uses any term, he may have in his mind
a determined idea which he makes it the *sign* of, and to which
he should keep it steadily annexed. *Locke.*
2. A wonder; a miracle.
If they will not hearken to the voice of the first *sign*, they
will not believe the latter *sign*. *Ex. iv. 8.*
Cover thy face that thou see not; for I have set thee for a
sign unto Israel. *Exek. xii. 6.*
Compell'd by *signs* and judgments dire.
3. A picture hung at a door, to give notice what is sold within.
I found my mis, struck hands, and pray'd him tell,
To hold acquaintance still, where he did dwell;
He barely nam'd the street, promis'd the wine;
But his kind wife gave me the very *sign*. *Donne.*
Underneath an alehouse' paltry *sign*. *Shakespeare's H. VI.*
True sorrow's like to wine,
That which is good does never need a *sign*. *Suckling.*
Wit and fancy are not employed in any one article so much
as that of contriving *signs* to hang over houses. *Swift.*
4. A monument; a memorial.
The fire devoured two hundred and fifty men, and they
became a *sign*. *Num. xxvi. 10.*
5. A constellation in the zodiac.
There stay until the twelve celestial *signs*
Have brought about their annual reckoning. *Shakespeare's As You Like It.*
Now did the *sign* reign, and the constellation was come,
under which Perkin should appear. *Bacon's Henry VII.*
After ev'ry foe subdu'd, the sun
Thrice through the *signs* his annual race shall run. *Dryden.*
6. Note of resemblance.
7. Ensign.
The ensign of Messiah blaz'd,
Aloft by angels borne, his *sign* in heaven. *Milton.*
8. Typical representation; symbol.
The holy symbols or *signs* are not barely significative; but
what they represent is as certainly delivered to us as the sym-
bols themselves. *Brerewood.*
9. A subscription of one's name: as, a *sign* manual.
TO SIGN. *v. a.* [*signe*, Latin.]
1. To mark.
You *sign* your place and calling in full seeming
With meekness and humility; but your heart
Is cramm'd with arrogance. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*
2. [*Signer*, French.] To ratify by hand or seal.
Be pleas'd to *sign* these papers: they are all
Of great concern! *Dryden's Cleomenes.*
3. To betoken; to signify; to represent typically.
The sacraments and symbols are just such as they seem;
but because they are made to be signs of a secret mystery, they
receive the names of what themselves do *sign*. *Taylor.*
SIGNAL. *n. f.* [*signal*, French; *señale*, Spanish.] Notice
given by a sign; a sign that gives notice.
The